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## U. S. TO REFUSE TO ARBITRATE ANCONA CASE

Officials Say Lansing Will Stand Firmly by Demands in Austrian Notes.

### NO WORD FROM PENFIELD

State Department May Accept Arbitration of Indemnities to Families.

### REPLY NOW BEING WRITTEN

Answer to American Communications May Be Conciliatory in Tone. It Is Thought Here.

There were strong intimations in official circles yesterday that the United States will reject the suggestion from Austria to submit to arbitration the two principal demands of this government in the Ancona case.

Cable dispatches from Berlin, declaring that the preliminary draft of Austria's reply to the second Ancona note suggests submitting to arbitration the question whether Austria shall disavow the sinking of the Italian liner and punish the submarine commander, were not received with favor by officials.

While guarded in their comment of newspaper reports, in the absence of confirmatory official advice from Ambassador Penfield, it was very definitely indicated that the United States made its position on the question of arbitration plain in the second Ancona note, when it said:

"The rules of international law and the principles of humanity, which were thus wilfully violated by the commander of the submarine, have been long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them."

### Might Arbitrate Indemnities.

Disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona and punishment of the submarine commander were the two basic demands made in the first Ancona note of December 4 and renewed in the note of December 13. The third demand was for reparations for American lives lost.

The United States might accept a suggestion to arbitrate the question of financial settlement to the families of the Ancona dead, officials indicated yesterday. In the dispute with Germany over the Frye case, the suggestion of submitting to arbitration the question of money indemnity was accepted by the United States. In the Ancona case, the United States acquiesced in Germany's proposal to take up for future discussion the question of indemnity for lives lost. But having insisted twice with such firmness on compliance with its demands that Austria should disavow the act of its submarine commander in sinking the Ancona, it was plainly indicated that the United States will stand firm in backing up that demand.

### Attitude May Be Conciliatory.

The suggestion of arbitration was accepted as an indication that the reply to the second American note, which it is said will be handed to Ambassador Penfield this week, will be conciliatory in tone and inviting further negotiations.

No word has been received from Ambassador Penfield since his cablegram of Thursday, announcing the arrival in Vienna of the second Ancona note, said officials. The State Department also was without official reports concerning the sinking of the Japanese liner Yawaka Maru by an Austrian or German submarine in the Mediterranean, although every effort has been made to obtain the facts from diplomatic and consular officers since the first news reports of the incident were received Thursday.

## ARMY LEAGUE URGES COMPULSORY SERVICE

Congress Will Also Be Asked to Use Conscription if 500,000 Men Do Not Enlist.

Compulsory enrollment for military service of all young men of the age of 18 is urged in resolutions passed by the executive committee of the Army League of the United States. Congress is urged to provide also that, unless a sufficient number of the enrolled men volunteer for service to build up a force of 500,000 in three years, the full quota be obtained by conscription.

In a statement accompanying the resolutions, Gen. Robert Shaw Oliver, president of the league and former assistant Secretary of War, declares that the "Army League of the United States has decided that universal military training of men from 18 to 21 years old is the only true solution as to the method of raising a force of citizen soldiers other than the organized militia."

### Pope Says Masses for War's Dead.

Rome, Dec. 26.—During the night the Pope said three masses for the repose of the souls of the war victims.

## ELEVEN HURT IN WRECK.

Two Coaches Derailed by Washout on Erie Near Newburgh.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Newburgh, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Renzler Mitchell, of Poughkeepsie; James B. Gorton, of Newburgh; H. Fitzgerald, of Beacon, and Fred Knapp, of Central Valley, were brought to St. Luke's Hospital this afternoon suffering from injuries received in an accident on the short-cut Erie road, near Mountainville, at noon today.

Six other passengers were injured, but returned to their homes. A special train took physicians from this city to the wreck.

A rail that had been undermined by the heavy rains snapped and derailed two coaches and a locomotive tender.

## SIX KILLED IN 'FREAK' STORM

Scores Injured in New York and Much Property Damage Is Done.

### SNOW, RAIN, HAIL, LIGHTNING, 90-MILE GALE IN SUCCESSION

Ships Swept Ashore and Trolley Cars Blown Backwards by the Tremendous Winds.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Dec. 26.—Six persons were killed and scores injured by the wind-storm that swept Greater New York this morning.

The Weather Bureau men call it a "freak" storm. They say that a low barometric area from Virginia and a cold wave from the Lake Ontario region met over New York Bay. Every degree and species of storm resulted. It blew a ninety-mile gale. In turn it rained, steelted, hailed and snowed. To make the program complete a brief but furious electrical storm broke at 6:25 a. m. Tremendous thunderings and the vivid chain lightning of a tropical outbreak followed.

The storm's great fury came in the last hour. The gale blew ninety miles an hour. Then it died at noon the wind had fallen to sixty-five miles an hour and then to ten miles an hour in the afternoon.

The precipitation of snow was less than three inches.

During the fury of the early morning gale, windows were broken, ships were swept ashore, trolley cars were blown backward, signs were hurled miles away and motor cars were overturned. On Riverside Drive the great cliff-like apartment houses rocked as though mined.

The New Haven and New York Central lines were harassed by fallen poles and broken electrical connections. Trains were from one to three hours late in arriving at Grand Central Station.

The rivers, the bay and all Long Island Sound were lashed into tremendous disorder.

Shipping was completely tied up in the harbor. One barge was sunk, fifteen others driven ashore and several Atlantic liners were forced to seek anchorage.

Patrick O'Neill, a large skipper, was blown from his craft and drowned in Manhattan Bay.

The Anchor liner California, which should have left Saturday for Glasgow, was compelled to anchor off the Statue of Liberty and did not get away until late in the afternoon.

Some anxiety is felt for the safety of the Greek steamer, Thessaloniki, with 300 passengers aboard. The vessel sent out wireless distress calls three days ago. The Stampell, which arrived Saturday, reported the Thessaloniki had succeeded in bailing out water which had leaked into her engine room. It is feared today's storm may have made her condition worse.

### Wants His Name Off the Ballot

Col. Roosevelt to Protest to Michigan Progressives, Says Oyster Bay.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Oyster Bay, Dec. 26.—Colonel Roosevelt, it was announced tonight, will protest against the placing of his name on the Michigan Progressive presidential ballot.

A spokesman for the former President said:

"The Colonel will not willingly allow his name to go upon any presidential ballot, Progressive or Republican."

His position has been and is that he will not enter the presidential primaries of either party. Should he be nominated he would be inclined to accept. But he wishes it understood that he is not scrambling for the nomination any more than is Justice Hughes."

### ROCKS USED IN BATTLE.

Rome, Dec. 25 (delayed officially).—Intense artillery duels have occurred along the Tyrol-Trentino front, the Austrian batteries purposely inflicting damage on the inhabitant regions.

In the Rocomeros Valley the Austrians rolled huge boulders down the slopes, causing severe damage. Our artillery fire fell among their troops. There is nothing new on the Isonzo front.

## MAKES PLEA TO WORKMEN

Lloyd George Says Co-operation with Men in Field Is Vital.

### MUST SUSPEND UNION RULES AND RUSH MUNITIONS WORK

England's Very Existence Is Dependent Upon Aid Given Comrades at the Front, He Declares.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 26.—"If the skill and workers of Great Britain do not agree to relax or suspend their union rules in face of tomorrow's alternatives declared David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, addressing 3,000 Clyde union officials and workshop stewards at Glasgow on Christmas."

"We can go to the trenches and say to the soldiers: 'We are sorry we cannot get the necessary guns to enable you to win through in 1916, because the trade union organizations stand in the way. If you hold out another year, perhaps American workmen will help us get you a sufficient supply for 1917.'"

"The other alternative is that we send to the Kaiser and tell him frankly that we cannot go on. He might let us off with the annexation of Belgium, the payment of a huge indemnity and with a British colony or two. He certainly would demand, however, that Great Britain surrender her command of the sea, and Great Britain then would be as completely at the mercy of Prussian despotism as Belgium is today."

Time Is Vital, He Says.

"I cannot believe that the skilled workmen of Great Britain will give us this answer. Time is vital, time is victory and time is life. There have already been 350,000 casualties, including more than 200,000 since the agreement between the trades unions and the government in March. Further delay means further losses. I appeal to the workmen to help us quickly and thoroughly."

"Victory is not possible unless the British workman follows the example of his French comrades and sets aside every rule and regulation that tangles the footsteps of victory."

"The Russian retrograde," he said, "was due to the aid the German workmen gave his comrades in the field by manufacturing an endless supply of guns and shells."

Practical French Workmen.

"The French workmen have enabled France to successfully face this terrible machine."

"I can not go back to parliament and report to the House of Commons, and through the corridors to the army, that British workmen won't relax or suspend their rules to save fellow workmen's lives or the battlefield."

"I wonder how many people fully realize the magnitude of this war and its tremendous loss. At times I fear they treat it merely as a passing shower. But it is not a passing shower. It is the deluge; it is a cyclone, which is tearing up by its roots the ornamental plants of modern society and wrecking the modern civilization, the trestle bridges of modern civilization."

Earthquake Shaking Europe.

"It is an earthquake which is upheaving the very rocks of European life. It is one of the seismic disturbances in which nations leap forward or fall backward generations in a single bound."

"All this chattering about relaxing a rule and suspending a custom is out of place. You can not haggle with an earthquake."

"I beg the skilled workmen of this country, in whose keeping are the destinies of labor, to lift up their eyes above the mists of distrust and suspicion and ascend the height of the greatest opportunity that ever opened before their class. By so doing I dare hope that the great leaders of democracy of all ages have pictured in their dreams."

### SUFFRAGIST HEART VICTIM.

Miss Wiggins, of New Jersey, Dies Sudden at Local Hotel.

Miss Lillian Wiggins, 50, a suffragist from East Orange, N. J., died in her room at the Buckingham Hotel, 520 Fifth Avenue, New York, yesterday from heart failure. She was stricken while out walking, and returned to her room at 4:30 o'clock, succumbing a few minutes later.

Miss Wiggins came here three weeks ago from East Orange to attend the suffrage convention at the opening of Congress. She was not a delegate, but was prominent in the suffrage movement in the New Jersey town. Miss Wiggins had planned to remain here some weeks.

Relative in East Orange was notified of her death and will arrive this morning to take charge of the body.

### ANXIETY FOR THE KAISER.

Alarmist Rumors About His Condition Circulated in Switzerland.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, Dec. 26.—Alarming rumors, probably of an exaggerated nature, are being circulated in Switzerland today concerning Emperor William's illness, so declared the Zurich correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The rumors state, says the correspondent, that the Emperor's condition is causing profound anxiety in Berlin.

Under Savings Bank, 1916 Christmas Savings Club, Classes 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1, and \$2.

## Capital "Corners Culture" As Scientists Arrive for Pan-American Congress

Special Train Brings Savants of Central and South America from New York to Washington—Uncle Sam Greets Guests at Union Station Through Officials. Convention Convenes Today at Memorial Continental Hall—United States to Be Represented by More Than 1,000 Delegates.

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

1. Session called to order by the secretary-general of the congress.
  2. Singing of the "Pan-American Hymn" (preceded by a selection from "The Messiah") by a chorus of 125 voices from the Home Club, under the direction of Otto T. Simon.
  3. Introduction of the president of the congress, Eduardo Suarez Mujica, Ambassador of Chile and chairman of the Chilean delegation.
  4. Address of welcome on behalf of the United States government, Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States.
  5. Address of welcome on behalf of the Department of State, Robert Lansing, Secretary of State.
  6. Response and address by the president of the congress, Eduardo Suarez Mujica.
  7. Responses by chairmen of the visiting delegations.
- Orchestra of Marine Band, William H. Santelmann, Director.

Washington last night became the capital of pan-Americanism. Housed at the leading hotels, and with headquarters at the New Willard, the vanguard of the most distinguished international gathering to which Washington ever played host, approximately 150 of the leading savants of Central and South America circulated through the corridors with their ladies, gathered for informal dinner parties, and discussed their plans and hopes for the second Pan-American Scientific Congress, which formally convenes for thirteen days with a general session at Memorial Continental Hall, at 11 o'clock this morning.

Cost to U. S., \$50,000.

The Latin-American delegates, with the exception of the Chilean and Ecuadorian delegations, and scatterings from other groups, rolled into the Capital together in a special train from New York at 4 o'clock.

Leaving the Metropolitan at 11 o'clock, the guest of Uncle Sam, who already has dug into his pockets to the tune of \$50,000 to entertain his official guests, and probably will have to dig deeper—the visitors found the trip to Washington a right merry affair.

John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, and secretary general of the conference, accompanied by Madden Summers, United States consul general at San Paulo, Brazil, and the

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## British Flyers Hover Aloft As German Airmen Bury Comrade

New Chivalry of Air Ordnance Enemies, When Machines Are Shot Down, Must Notify Foes by Aerial Post of Occupants' Fate—Notes Dropped on Aerodromes.

By JOHN R. BALDERSTON.

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Chivalry in air is not dead. The air and graces of the battlefield, the little courtesies between opponents so common in the past, have apparently vanished from the earth and ocean, but they survive in the sky.

The flying corps of the various armies in Europe have no traditions, for this is their first war. They seem to have adopted, one and all, the old assumption, extinct on sea and land, that one's opponents are to be regarded as gentlemen and treated accordingly.

During the fighting in Galicia, the Russian and Austrian airmen were busy in constant reconnaissance over the lines of their enemies. But, whether by definite agreement or not I do not know, the aerodromes of the rival armies were not attacked by bombs from the air. Instead, a postal service was maintained between the chiefs of the aircraft of the two armies, messages being delivered by flyers who swooped down within a hundred feet of the enemy headquarters, sure that their message would be understood and that they would not be fired upon.

Dropped a Courteous Message.

One day, during a period of very hard fighting, in which several aeroplanes "spotted" for their artillery had been shot down on both sides, an Austrian airman flew over the Russian lines, so high he could not be touched by the anti-aircraft guns, and dropped a note at Russian aerial headquarters, tied about a stone with a colored rag so the Russians might have no difficulty in finding it. The note was shown to Prof. Bernard Pares, the official British observer with the Russian army, and it read:

"My hearty thanks for your letter, which I have just got. I am sorry that I have not had time to drop you a photograph of the machine of Lieut. — On the — and — — — we have dropped you news of your airman taken prisoner (the names follow). I therefore repeat that all four were unharmed and have probably been transported to the prettiest part of our country, Salzburg. Lieut. — and — got a shot on their sparkling apparatus. I have myself had a talk with Lieut. —. I saw no signs of any wounds. In future every note of yours will be answered, and the answer will be dropped on your aerodrome. With best greetings, your ever devoted enemy, 'August, Baron von Mandelsloh.'"

To this note, written by the commander of the Austrian air-men, the Russians replied:

"Our hearty thanks for yesterday's note, which dropped straight on our aerodrome. We are sorry not to be able to tell you to what part of our country your air-men have been sent, but we think that the address will soon be sent you by earth-post by the prisoners themselves. The Albatross (Austrian aeroplane) was shot to pieces, about thirty

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## Admiral Dewey Enjoys Horseback Ride In Celebrating His 78th Birthday

Admiral George Dewey, hero of the battle of Manila Bay, yesterday celebrated his 78th birthday.

Hale and hearty, despite his advanced age, the veteran naval fighter was out horseback riding in the morning shortly after day-break. In the afternoon he and Mrs. Dewey went for their customary drive together through the Washington parks.

Between times the admiral received numerous calls from members of the navy set, including Secretary and Mrs. Joseph Daniels, and all day long messenger boys were calling at the house with telegrams of congratulations from old shipmates in all parts of the world.

Admiral Dewey still presides over the deliberations of the General Board of the Navy, and is one of the staunchest advocates of better naval preparedness. He was part author of the July report of the board, calling for the creation by 1925 of a navy as big and as powerful as any in the world.

Unlike many men of advanced years Admiral Dewey keeps abreast of the advancements in his profession, and is firmly of the opinion that the United States navy must have as good, if not

better, fighting ships than those of any other country if it is to hold its place in the world and maintain the policies and doctrines for which this country stands.

Like many other careful naval observers, the man who whipped the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay believes that the Monroe doctrine must steadily aid to the responsibilities of the United States, and that if this country is not in position to back up this doctrine with force, the doctrine must fall.

### Storm Loss Is \$100,000.

New Haven, Dec. 26.—The damage wrought by the storm in Hartford County is estimated at \$100,000. No fatalities are reported yet. But it is believed that H. Eckman, a mail carrier, has been buried beneath a building which collapsed in Windsor. Ten jobs are shreds collapsed in Windsor. Three houses were blown over in New Haven.

### \$2,000 to Aid Soldiers' Families.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Mortimer L. Schiff has sent to the prefect of police of Paris \$2,000 to assist the mothers and children of soldiers at the front.

## GERMANS LOSE 8,000 MEN.

Driven Back by British in 'Two Days' Fighting Near Ypres.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Two days of continuous fighting between Ypres and Armentieres on Tuesday and Wednesday resulted in a loss to the Germans of 8,000 effectives, says the war correspondent of La Liberte.

The object of the Germans was to test the strength of the British lines at this point. Behind poisonous gas the Teutons made a dozen attacks, but when the British artillery and machine guns failed to completely break the oncoming human waves, the assailants were driven back with the bayonet. Not an inch of ground was gained.

## MAIL 'FAKERS' DROPPING OFF

Honest Ad Campaign Sounds Death Knell, Says Post-office Solicitor.

### PUBLISHERS AND ADVERTISERS CREDITED FOR BETTERMENT

Lottery Thrives Under New Guises and Dunning Post Cards Still Cause Department Worry.

Honest advertising campaigns undertaken by business organizations, publishers and advertising men in cooperation with the Post Office Department are sounding the knell of "get rich quick" and other fraudulent enterprises according to the annual report of the collector of that department made public yesterday.

"It is clear," says Solicitor W. H. Lamar, "that the strict enforcement of the law is having a deterrent effect upon many promoters who have hitherto relied for a livelihood upon the conduct of schemes to defraud through the mails. The schemes now being brought to the attention of the office are not, generally speaking, so flagrantly fraudulent as those presented during the preceding years of this administration, and it is now the exception rather than the rule to find the promoter of a business, against which a fraud order has been issued, attempting to resume such business under another name."

The decay of this once thriving industry, the report continues, has been brought about not only by the Post office department, but by the newspaper and magazine publishers, advertising organizations, and other agencies which have cooperated with the federal authorities and made the fraudulent schemes dangerous and unprofitable.

The lottery, however, thrives still in new guises. "Thugs," the report explains, "are of such infinite variety that their description would be an endless task. They range from the simple raffle for small sums to the most stupendous enterprises involving hundreds of thousands of dollars each, and, aside from the lottery feature, many of them abound in fraud. Included among the latter are so-called bond investment schemes, home-purchasing plans, endless-chain enterprises, and other selling propositions of great magnitude. One recent stock-sell scheme involved the raising of \$12,000,000 and provided for the distribution of \$500,000 in prizes. In another the first grand prize was alleged to amount to \$102,000."

The collector calls attention to the fact that the law prohibits the mailing of dunning post cards. The time-honored institution, the post-card dun, still thrives.

### New Dreadnought Type Is Planned

Big Warships Cannot Be Attacked by Airos or Submarines.

Inventions of far-reaching importance will be given practical application in the construction of new warships and aeroplanes for the United States navy in the near future, according to the annual report of Rear Admiral D. W. Taylor, Chief of the Navy Bureau of Construction and Repair, made public last night.

According to Admiral Taylor, the bureau has been giving particular attention to the design of a Dreadnought that will be proof against both submarine and air attack, and while he carefully conceals the details of the plans, he declares that such a design, including also provision for better protection against direct gunfire, will be adopted in the specifications for the new ships. In the same way he refers to a new type of destroyer, which has been evolved, having a flush deck, with, it is believed, better sea-going qualities.

In the field of airship design, Rear Admiral Taylor states that the experiments now in progress at the naval aeronautical station at Pensacola, Fla., give promise of a new type of aeroplane, which, planned on the basis of the experiences in aeroplane flying in the European war, will be of larger size and have a wider range of speed than any heretofore built. Work on the construction of an airship of this new design, his report states, will be started shortly.

### FIRE ROUTS HOTEL GUESTS.

Students Also Driven from Riordan School at Chodokee Lake.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Highland, N. Y., Dec. 26.—One hundred guests were driven from the Chodokee Lake Hotel and sixty students were driven from the Raymond Riordan School when fire swept the building on Chodokee Lake, seven miles north of here, at 5 o'clock this evening.

The fire spread rapidly and the guests and students barely escaped with their lives.

### REPORT TO POLICE MAKES KNOWN MARRIAGE OF C. H. EAGLE AND MRS. TAYLOR.

Special to The Washington Herald.

East Orange, N. J., Dec. 26.—The home of Clifford H. Eagle and his bride of three weeks was robbed Christmas night of jewels worth \$30,000.

The report of the robbery to the police made public for the first time Mr. Eagle's recent marriage. His bride was Mrs. Phoebe Taylor, widow of Edwin Taylor, owner of much real estate in the fashionable Oranges, including the Hotel Clinton.

Mr. Eagle, whose mother inherited most of the estate of Moses Taylor, won a decree from his first wife in 1912. She was formerly his stenographer.

### GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE MADE IMPORTANT DISCOVERY IN NISH.

Berlin (wireless via Saxville), Dec. 26.—The Trans-Ocean News Bureau states that, according to semi-official reports received in Berlin, in the palace of the Serbian crown prince in Nish there were found numerous important documents.

Among them were 100 letters, being correspondence with different rulers, all of which shed an interesting light upon the Serbian rule before the beginning of the present war.

## GREEK KING AGAIN SAID TO FAVOR THE GERMANS; ALLIES READY TO ACT

Kaiser's Promises Reported to Have Satisfied Constantine and His Cabinet That Macedonia Will Not Be Annexed.

## OPPOSED BY HELLENIC PEOPLE

Majority Firmly Against Any Invasion by Turco-Bulgarian Army—Allies May Repeat Coercive Measures Formerly Resorted To—Big Battle Impending

By R. MACKENZIE.

Rome, Dec. 26.—Germany's efforts to persuade Greece to tolerate the eventual co-operation of the Turco-Bulgarians and Austro-Germans in the forthcoming operations against Saloniki are reported successful, owing to the Kaiser's personal guarantee that Greece's territorial integrity is not threatened and that once the Anglo-French troops are driven from Saloniki the Germanic allies will evacuate Macedonia and restore it to Greece.

### PEOPLE OF GREECE NOT SATISFIED.

The Kaiser's promises apparently have satisfied King Constantine and the government, but the Turco-Bulgarian invasion of Macedonia, even under German auspices, will not be tolerated by the majority of Greeks. The King, therefore, has decided to proclaim a state of siege when Parliament is opened.

## Suspicious Fire On British Ship

Discovery of Flames Followed by Explosions on Sugar Freighter.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Dec. 26.—Fire broke out on the British Sugar Steamer Inchmochter this afternoon as she lay moored in the Erie Basin, South Brooklyn. The vessel was under charter by the English government and was to have sailed with 3,000 tons of sugar Tuesday. The flames were put under control after a desperate fight of two hours.

Circumstances surrounding the fire are strikingly similar to those attending the fire on the Kurterp and Tynningham. All three vessels were chartered to transport sugar to England, in each case the discovery of fire was followed by several distinct explosions; all occurred while the ships were loading in the Erie Basin.

As the crew of the Inchmochter lifted the hatch above No. 3 to fight the blaze, a terrific explosion shook the ship. This was followed by several other blasts in quick succession. Fire Chief Brophy feels certain the fire was of incendiary origin.

## PRESIDENT DECLINES TO HEAR RED CROSS LECTURE

Not Neutral to Attend Affair Devoted to French Side of War, Is Stated.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 26.—President and Mrs. Wilson declined an invitation to attend a lecture on the work of the French Red Cross by Mrs. Seth Barton French in the Hotel here tonight. The entertainment was arranged primarily in honor of the Chief Executive and his bride and much disappointment was expressed over the outcome.

Charles Swen, official stenographer, said the President could not be consistently neutral and attend an entertainment devoted exclusively to one side of the war.

The local volunteer fire department sent the President an invitation tonight to take part in their annual ball on the evening of December 28, which is his birthday. The letter accompanying this invitation states the President has already been made an honorary member of the Hot Springs Volunteer Hook and Ladder Company. It is suggested that while here he may find pleasure in attending such fires as may occur, and he is invited to do so whenever the town bell sounds an alarm.

The President and Mrs. Wilson went for a ride this morning but were compelled to turn back on account of snow drifts. The weather was disagreeable and they remained indoors for the remainder of the day.

Orders were issued tonight by the management of the hotel for a huge birthday cake, which will be presented on the President's fifty-ninth anniversary next Tuesday.

## \$30,000 JEWEL ROBBERY LETS OUT CUPID'S SECRET

Report to Police Makes Known Marriage of C. H. Eagle and Mrs. Taylor.

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